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Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246-1530

Dear Grant Manager,

The City of Arvada is pleased to offer this letter of support for a letter of support for and its application to the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Fund Grant Program. Our partnerships with organizations like are extremely important to the community. already providing a needed service to some Arvada residents and businesses through their current recycling location at ; however, there is still a large need for recycling locations within Arvada.

The City of Arvada strives to provide opportunities for citizens to recycle without it becoming an model of employing people with developmental disabilities in economic burden. order to keep costs low in the recycling process, creating a free, or inexpensive outlet for recyclables would be a great benefit to the community. In addition, the City Council has recently approved Sustain Arvada, a plan which contains goals that encourage more recycling and waste diversion in Arvada. Currently, Arvada's diversion rate is approximately thirteen percent with eight waste haulers servicing residential customers with varying degrees of service. Overall, residents have to pay more to recycle, so a free drop-off site for household recyclables would be highly utilized. The City operates one drop-off location in eastern Arvada, which is very well used with many requests from residents living in the western part of Arvada to add recycling opportunities there. Furthermore, the City is not aware of any facilities within Arvada to dispose of hard to expand to Arvada would greatly help reduce the amount recycle materials, so having of materials entering the landfill. Again, the City of Arvada is committed to partnering with to encourage recycling in Arvada.

We encourage the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to consider es a recipient of the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Fund Grant.

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